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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
1902 East Pollick Road
Lakeland, Florida 33813

Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, I am pleased to extend an invitation to all members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc as you prepare for your 2002 Annual Convention. I would like to encourage you to consider the beautiful and friendly City of Jackson, the capitol of this great State of Mississippi.

I am aware that a recent controversy that has crossed the South, including the State of Mississippi, may have influenced the decision of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. concerning the 2002 convention. Although some issues may cause some controversy, Mississippi works to move forward and has always been known for its heritage and hospitality.

Mississippi has a lot of wonderful things to offer. We hope that your organization will consider Jackson as a potential destination for your upcoming convention. Please join us in the "Hospitality State" to take advantage of the many wonderful experiences we offer, such as our fine Mississippi cuisine and our numerous cultural and entertainment events.

If you would like more information about our great state or if I may be of assistance to you, please feel free to call on me.

Very truly yours,

RONNIE MUSGROVE

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